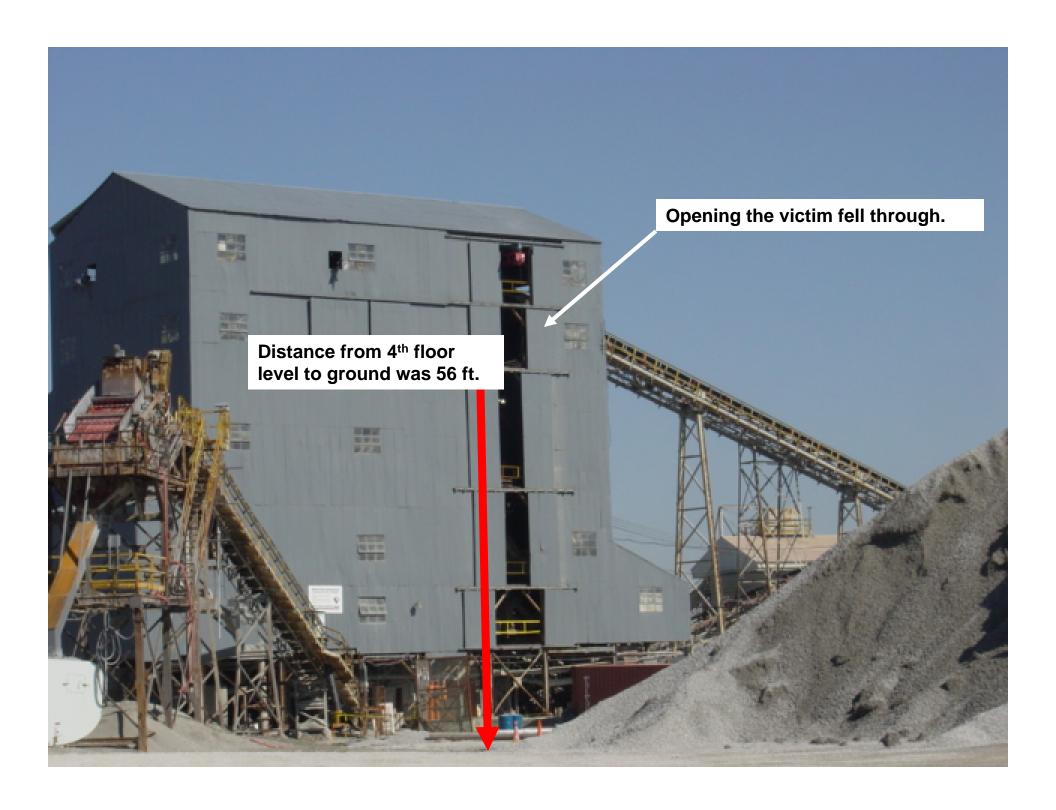
MNM Fatal 2004 - 04

- Slip or Fall of Person (Indiana)
- February 26, 2004
- Crushed Stone Operation
- Maintenance Person
- 47 years old
- Six years experience

Overview

- Maintenance crew was dropping scrap parts through an open door from fourth floor of mill building.
- Barrier railing was removed so an overhead hoist could be used to remove a large piece of pipe.
- Victim lost his balance near edge of opening and fell 56' to the ground.







Why Did Accident Occur?

- Access door opened so small scrap parts could be thrown out.
- Barrier railing was removed so overhead hoist could be used to remove large piece of pipe.
- No fall protection used where there was a danger of persons falling.





Causal Factors

- Victim had not taken safety harness and lanyard with him to the work site.
- Barrier railing removed.
- Procedures in place requiring fall protection to be worn when barrier railing was removed were not followed.

Best Practices

- Wear fall protection where there is a danger of falling.
- Conduct a risk analysis before starting a task to identify hazards and implement measures to ensure persons are properly protected.
- Train all personnel to help them recognize potential hazards and understand procedures to safely perform tasks.
- Monitor work tasks to reinforce safe procedures and obtain feedback from employees on the use of fall protection systems to ensure their commitment.